

The March 13, 2003 **Expanded Staff Meeting** was chaired by Public Defender Michael P. Juarez. The following topics were among those discussed:

**RECENTRECENT APPELLATERECENT APPELLATE DECISIONS by Lon Sarnoff:** Mr. Sarnoff: Mr. Sarnoff discussed recent court decisions: (1) the Ewing decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, (2) the Alford decision of the California Supreme Court, and (3) the Coronado decision of the Court of Appeal.

The Ewing decision, contrary to decision, contrary to the popular press reports, did decision, contrary to the p (25-li(25-life)(25-life) against(25-life) against claims of cruel and unusual punishments. Rather, it ruled that case,case, because of his lengthy and violent past, such a sentence wascase, because of his lengthy and violent p thethe court did approve the concept of proportionality review of sentence the court did approve the concep appearsappears to be appears to be grossly dappears to be grossly disproportionate to the underlying crime, examinationexamination of the offender sexamination of the offenders prior record, and a comparison to senten thethe state for more and less serious offenses, as well as such a comparison to sentences imposed byby other states for lby other states for like by other states for like offenses. Our staff attorneys are urg sentences to the attention of our Appellate staff for possible writ relief.

The Alford decision determined that protective orders imposed in Pitchess Evidence Code section 1045(e) basic protective order, mandatory in all cases, Evidence Code section 1045(e) such such discovery to the very case in which the discovery motion was the the Alford Committee to make recommendation the Alford Committee to make recommendations regarding our practices and protocols. The committee expects to our practices and protocols. The committee expects meantime our staff are advised not to share Pitchess information. Please note, however, that the Alford has nothing to do with other forms of information regarding public information resulting from media reports, Board of Rights hearings, public information resulting from the the Civil Register, or anecdotal info the Civil Register, or anecdotal proceedings including other trials. Our attorneys should feel free to proceed regarding any such non-Pitchess information which might be available.

In CCoronado Police Officers Association vs. Steven Carroll the Public Defender of San Diego the Public Defender received a California Public Records Act (CPRA) request from the Hawthorne and Bell Police Departments. While we have provided certain information regarding the information and databases that office maintains regarding the information of Appeal determined that the CPRA does not reach such records, of Appeal determined that the CPRA conducted by the Public Defender is not the public's business conducted by the Public Defender is conducted for the benefit of the office's clients. The Public Defender therefore is not required to provide the information sought by the CPRA request. The policies and procedures governing the collection, retention, and the policies and procedures governing the as well as certain information as well as certain information regarding public employment records insofar as they seek information protected by the Coronado case.

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annual	annual basis. The new audit form was distributed to each Head Deputy. Each	annual basis. The new audit form was distributed to each Head Deputy. Each
all	all satellite locations, is to be updated. The audit is to be completed by March 31, 2003	all satellite locations, is to be updated. The audit is to be completed by March 31, 2003
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measures	measures presently in force, practices that need changing, or procedures that shou	measures presently in force, practices that need changing, or procedures that shou
implemented	to bring the facility up to appropriate standards.	to bring the facility up to appropriate standards.

Investigations Lieutenant Bill Saul retained copies from our audit of last year. Investigations Lieutenant Bill Saul retained copies from our audit of last year. That particular audit, or have any questions, please contact Mr. Saul at (213)967-2100. The completed survey should be provided to Mr. Saul at 210 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, by the due date.

**UPDATESUPDATES TO EMERGENCUPDATES TO EMERGENCY MANUAUPDATES TO EMERGENCY**

updated attachments (A-7 and B7) to the Department's Emergency Disaster Response Plan. The two documents update the material contained in B7 currently in the manual.

**TRANSFER OF PVs** *by Ron Yorizane:* Mr. Mr. Yor: Mr. Yorizane discussed the transferring ( violationviolation cases. The courts have been sending probation violation cases toviolation cases. The courts ootherother courts. other courts. Mr. Yorizane discovered that some of our lawyers are not notifying the rec publicpublic defenders andpublic defenders and explaining the reason for sending the file. Lawyers transferring shouldshould contact the Deputy Public Defender (transferee) in the court in which the case is sshould contact coordinate the move and then follow it up with a memo.

## DEPARTMENTAL SUPPLY CATEGORY

JeJensenJensen haJensen has prepared a revised Public Defender Stock Catalog, which was distributed to all managers.managers. It is imperative that the procedumanagers. It is imperative that the procedure be followed to ensure noncompliancennoncompliance may result in subsequent orders being held. A Head Secretary can authorize ordersorders for regular supplies that are contained on the Request for Supplies form (PD1). The PD1 formform must be completelyform must be completely filled out. (Do not include prices.) Public Defender stock items must be placedplaced on a single PD1 form. Forms that are filled out incorrectly may be returned to the Head Secretary.Secretary. Any item not in the Public DefeSecretary. Any item not in the Public DefendSecretary. A purchase mustmust be authorized bymust be authorized by a Head Deputy or higher. Themust be authorized by a Head Deputy or higher to all managers.

**STRATEGIC STRATEGIC EMPLOYEE SURVEY by Ron White:** Mr. White discussed the Los Angeles County Strategic Strategic Employee Survey Project. Strategic Employee Survey Project. This is a long-range strategic plan of the past of the past and move the County in a new direction for the future. of the past and move the County in a new direction for the future. recognize recognize the importance of employees recognize the importance of employees to the County's continued growth. the Quality and Productivity Investment Fund, the County is surveying employees to obtain their input on training needs and work life input on training needs and work life in the County. Participation is important to create a positive work environment and designing developmental opportunities for employees.

All permanent County employees are being asked to complete the survey. Responses received from the survey will enable the County to prioritize and select training throughout the County. Individuals' responses to the survey will be kept strictly confidential. Staff is encouraged to complete and return the survey using the envelope provided.

**OUTSIDEOUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT FORMS by Ron Whiby Ron White:** A: A memo from Mr. White, dated 20032003,2003, was sent to all permanent employees announcing the annual employee report on outsi2003, employment.employment. The report is to be completed by all full-time employeeemployment. The report is employment,employment, part-time County employment, self-employmeemployment, part-time County e EmployeesEmployees not engaged in outsidEmployees not engaged in outside emplEmployees not engaged TheThe forms are to be signed and dated by the employee and then The forms are to be signed and Deputy/SeDeputy/SectionDeputy/Section ManaDeputy/Section Manager for review and signature. Human Re completedcompleted forms nocompleted forms no later thancompleted forms no later than Friday, April 18, 200

